

U.S. Application No. 10/789,786 Examiner Paul R. Durand Art Unit 3721
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AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.121, below is a complete listing of all claims in the application.

[c01] – [c19] (Canceled)

[c20] (Currently Amended) A driver cap assembly, comprising:

a body having a closed proximal end, an elongated shank, and an open distal end, wherein a first portion of the closed proximal end flares outward from a proximal end of the elongated shank towards a second portion of the closed proximal end, and wherein an interior of the elongated shank and the open distal end comprise a longitudinal bore, the longitudinal bore having an interior wall defining a longitudinal axis of the body; and

a driver sleeve having a first end, a second end, and a longitudinally extending shank from the first end towards the second end, an exterior surface of the longitudinally extending shank having a complimentary shape to mate with an interior surface of the longitudinal bore of the body such that when the exterior surface is mated with the interior surface, the longitudinally extending shank extends to the open distal end of the body, and the second end having a driver sleeve longitudinal bore, an interior of the driver sleeve longitudinal bore adapted to fit about a proximal end of a shafted body.
~~The driver cap assembly of claim 1, the first end of the driver sleeve having another driver sleeve longitudinal bore adapted to fit about another proximal end of another shafted body, the another driver sleeve longitudinal bore of the first end having a different shape than the driver sleeve longitudinal bore of the second end.~~

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[c21] (Currently Amended) A driver cap assembly, comprising:

a body having a closed proximal end, an elongated shank, and an open distal end, wherein a first portion of the closed proximal end flares outward from a proximal end of the elongated shank towards a second portion of the closed proximal end, and wherein an interior of the elongated shank and the open distal end comprise a longitudinal bore, the longitudinal bore having an interior wall defining a longitudinal axis of the body; and

a driver sleeve having a first end, a second end, and a longitudinally extending shank from the first end towards the second end, an exterior surface of the longitudinally extending shank having a complimentary shape to mate with an interior surface of the longitudinal bore of the body such that when the exterior surface is mated with the interior surface, the longitudinally extending shank extends to the open distal end of the body, and the second end having a driver sleeve longitudinal bore, an interior of the driver sleeve longitudinal bore adapted to fit about a proximal end of a shafted body.
~~The driver cap assembly of claim 1, the driver sleeve longitudinal bore of the second end having a planar closed end.~~

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[c23] (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 19,~~ A method comprising:

positioning a driver cap assembly over a proximal end of a shafted body,
comprising:

a body having a closed proximal end, an elongated shank, and an open distal end, wherein a first portion of the closed proximal end flares outward from a proximal end of the elongated shank towards a second portion of the closed proximal end, and wherein an interior of the elongated shank and the open distal end comprise a longitudinal bore, the longitudinal bore having an interior wall defining a longitudinal axis of the body,

a driver sleeve having a first end, a second end, and a longitudinally extending shank from the first end towards the second end, an exterior surface of the longitudinally extending shank having a complimentary shape to mate with an interior surface of the longitudinal bore of the body such that when the exterior surface is mated with the interior surface, the longitudinally extending shank extends to the open distal end of the body, and the second end having a driver sleeve longitudinal bore, an interior of the driver sleeve longitudinal bore adapted to fit about a proximal end of a shafted body, wherein the driver sleeve longitudinal bore of the second end comprises a planar closed end; and

applying a force to the proximal end of the driver assembly such that a distal end of the shafted body is driven into a surface.